

**REMARKS**

With this amendment, claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 13, 15-17, and 19-22 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, claims 2, 6, 8, 12, 14, 18, and 23 are all the claims currently pending in this Application.

The Examiner indicates that claims 18 and 23 are allowed and that claims 2, 6, 8, 12, and 14 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten into independent form. With this Amendment, claims 2, 6, 8, 12, and 14 are rewritten into independent form including the limitations of claims 1, 5, 7, 11, and 13, respectively. Allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-11, 13, 15-17, and 19-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly unpatentable over Sodder U.S. Publication 2004/0081203<sup>1</sup>. These claims are canceled.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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<sup>1</sup> The October 14, 2009 Office Action indicates that the claims are rejected over "Sodder 7,058,059". The Examiner has confirmed that this was an error and that the claims are rejected over Sodder, U.S. Publication 2004/0081203, as listed on the PTO-892 form attached to the Office Action.

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Respectfully submitted,

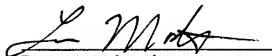
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